

**Promotion of Urdu language**

3106. **SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 940, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 2001 and state what amount of grants has been sanctioned for promotion of Urdu language during the last two years, year-wise, the names of institutions to which the same has been provided and amount thereof, given to each of them during the said period, year-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** For the promotion of Urdu language Government has sanctioned the following grants to its institutions:

**1. National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL)**

1998-99	Rs. 290.00 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 435.00 lakhs

**2. Urdu Teaching & Research Centre (Solan), a regional centre of the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore:**

1998-99	Rs. 34.37 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 32.97 lakhs

**3. Urdu Teaching & Research Centre, Lucknow (also a centre of the CIIL, Mysore)**

1998-99	Rs. 21.23 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 23.06 lakhs

**4. The University Grants Commission provides funds to the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. The MANUU has been provided the following funds during 1998-99 and 1999-2000:**

1998-99	Rs. 200.00 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 400.00 lakhs

**5. In addition, under the Modernization of Madarsa Education Scheme, during these two years Rs. 1135.00 lakhs have been released. Under this schemes, grants are also given for the salaries of**

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teachers who teach modern subjects like Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, etc. In many Madararas, this instruction is given in Urdu.

**Assistance to Assam under National Literacy Mission**

3107. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to Assam under the National Literacy Mission during each of the last five years, district-wise;

(b) the total number of persons literated in the State during that period;

(c) whether any target in this regard had been fixed during this period; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to achieve that target in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A statement showing district wise release of funds by the National Literacy Mission to Assam for Total Literacy Campaign and Post Literacy Programme during the last five year is annexed. (See below)

(b) 18.40 lakhs persons have been made literate in the state of Assam since launching of National Literacy Mission.

(c) The National Literacy Mission has a target of attaining full literacy, i.e. a sustainable threshold literacy level of 75% by 2005.

(d) All the 23 districts in the State have been covered by Total Literacy Campaign. As per NSSO, 53rd Round Survey (1997) the literacy rate in Assam was 75%.